Motorcycles

LICENSING-TRAINING/EDUCATION

- Require mandatory proof of endorsement when registering a motorcycle for annual license plate tabs.
- Require mandatory re-testing at designated time frame (5 years suggested)
- Provide insurance discount for riders who have completed a documented training program
- Require an additional sticker on the license plate to identify endorsement of rider
- Revisit size class endorsement program (tiered by size of engine)
- Mandate that the registered owner of motorcycle must ensure endorsement of anyone riding his/her motorcycle
- More outreach to MC clubs for education
- Require a traffic safety course for all motorcycle riders
- Include more motorcycle specific questions on drivers license knowledge test
- Make motorcycle training more affordable
- Withhold permanent plate until training has been completed (issue temp plate to start)
- Disallow sale of motorcycles from dealers until endorsement is presented
- Revoke drivers license if pulled over on motorcycle and don't have an endorsement
- Require someone in the residence to be endorsed if anyone in the home own a motorcycle
- More training for advanced level riders
- Driver license revoked for reckless riding conviction
- Require training for law enforcement on motorcycles—8+ hours
- Make motorcycle endorsement test more difficult
- Identify unendorsed owners of currently registered motorcycles and notify them of endorsement requirements if they ride
- Require that the size of motorcycle to be ridden is similar to the size the rider trained or tested on—size appropriate endorsement
- Increase motorcycle training/information sharing in training schools
- Develop seasonal strategies to deal with fluctuating ridership in Washington State
- Place sticker on license plate to signify training class completion
- Reach out to school age (elementary through HS) to build student body awareness of motorcycle safety
- Motorcycle riders must be organ donors
- Require training in order to get MC permit
- Impose passenger limits per riding experience

- Treat scooters (less than 50cc) as we do motorcycles.
- Expand educational effort for motorcycle riders
- Engage motorcycle community
- Educate drivers of automobiles of motorcycle awareness
- Educate riders of motorcycles of automobile awareness
- Produce public service announcements on risk awareness, focusing on the more "wild" riders

ENFORCEMENT

- Require mandatory minimum insurance for motorcycle riders
- Increase enforcement of reckless riders and lane splitters
- Enforcement driven by data—identify highest priority enforcement opportunities
- Increase penalties for certain dangerous acts on motorcycles (freeway wheelies for example)
- Implement variable penalties for violations per age group of rider
- Require limiter chip in motorcycle ignition to disallow excessive speeds (cars currently have these which shut down the motor at speeds or rpms that would never be expected for normal traffic conditions)
- Develop bigger or more legible MC license plates—mainly for law enforcement benefit
- Impose emphasis on requirement of using legal helmets (DOT certified)
- Make helmet law violations a primary offense
- Place emphasis on enforcement of "novelty helmet" citations
- Ensure crash report contains data on status of helmet (legal, not legal, none)
- Emphasis on enforcement during peak riding months (June-Sept)
- Ensure helmet law does not get repealed
- Designated funds to law enforcement for enforcement and research during major MC events
- Make impound mandatory for all law enforcement for unendorsed riders
- Avoid stereotyping of motorcyclists

ENGINEERING

- Investigate barriers (bumper like cushions) on outside of cable barriers being used in Norway to protect vehicles (motorcycles) and research effectiveness of protecting riders
- Require minimum safety clothing standards—helmet, pants, coat, gloves, boots, etc.
- Develop/investigate "air bag" clothing options

RESEARCH/DATA

- Develop rate of ridership to fatalities through VMT analysis
- Develop process to determine accurate VMT for motorcycles
- Devote more resources for data collection on motorcycles
- Ensure data is gathered specific to unique populations (military, youth, type of MC, etc)
- Define most significant problem related to each crash & develop effective countermeasures
- Consider motorcycle riders "vulnerable users" like pedestrians and bicyclists